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Title: METHODS TO REDUCE THE SENSITIVITY OF ENDOTHELIALLY-COMPROMISED VASCULAR SMOOTH MUSCLE

## In the Claims

- (Cancelled)
- (Previously Presented) A method of claim 23, wherein the compound administered is 1-p-βdimethylaminoethoxyphenyl-trans-1,2-diphenylbut-1-ene, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 7. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 23, wherein the patient has diabetes.
- (Previously Presented) A method of claim 23, wherein the patient has had a surgical procedure.
- 9. (Previously Presented) A method of claim 23, wherein the patient has hypertension.
- (Previously Presented) A method of claim 23, wherein the patient has coronary artery disease.
- (Previously Presented) A method of claim 23, which further comprises administering a
  pharmaceutically-effective compound selected from the group consisting of: an anti-diabetes
  agent; an anti-hypertension agent; an anti-coronary artery disease agent; and an antirestenosis agent.

## (Currently Amended) A method of claim <u>25</u> [[1]], wherein the CLC3 blocker is a compound of Formula I

$$\mathbb{R}^4\mathbb{R}^5\mathbb{N}(\mathrm{CH}_2)_n\mathrm{O} \longrightarrow \mathbb{C} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^7$$

## wherein

either R<sup>4</sup> is H or a lower alkyl radical and R<sup>5</sup> is a lower alkyl radical, or R<sup>4</sup> and R<sup>5</sup> are joined together with the adjacent nitrogen atom to form a heterocyclic radical;

R6 is H or a lower alkyl radical;

 $R^7$  is H, halo, OH, a lower alkyl radical, or is a buta-1,3-dienyl radical which together with the adiacent benzene ring forms a naphthyl radical:

R8 is H or OH: and

n is 2;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

25. (Previously Presented) A method to normalize the contractile response of vasculature in response to a vasoconstrictor agonist in a patient in need of such normalization, the vasculature comprising a vascular smooth muscle cell layer and a compromised endothelial cell layer, wherein the method comprises administering a pharmaceutically effective amount of a CLC3 blocker, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and wherein the vasoconstrictor agonist is norepinephrine.